



August 10, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-25 (LPFM Proceeding)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Voice of Vashon (VoV) is a nonprofit organization on Vashon Island, Washington, whose mission is to facilitate the use of all forms of broadcast media by island residents to create and share information, ideas and art. VoV has existed for 12 years and currently operates an internet radio station, a public access cable television station, and an emergency broadcast AM radio frequency. VoV requests that the FCC adopt rules and policies that facilitate the availability of new Low Power FM (LPFM) frequencies.

VoV has for many years dreamed of providing “live” community radio in the form of an LPFM station. We have so far been unable to do so because even though we are an island community, we are very close to both Seattle and Tacoma, Washington and there has been little space on the crowded urban FM dial to fit an LPFM station. We are very much hoping that implementation of the Local Community Radio Act of 2010 will open LPFM frequencies for VoV and for others in the Seattle-Tacoma radio area.

VoV is planning to apply for an LPFM frequency at our earliest opportunity. We will do so in order to increase our ability to put the voices of our discrete and unique island community on the air, and to provide training and support for community members to communicate with one another through the immediacy of live radio. Vashon Island has a thriving art and music community, and many civic organizations, all of which could take tremendous advantage of a live radio resource. This would enhance our community in many ways and allow VoV to finally fulfill its mission to provide all forms of community access broadcast media to our community.

In order to give VoV and others a fair chance to obtain an LPFM frequency, the FCC must enact rules and procedures that open channels for LPFM in the Seattle-Tacoma radio area. Without the

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availability of LPFM, the Vashon Island community will not be able to have live radio but will have to settle for FM signals that come only from radio stations that are not on our island and so do not share the concerns and interests of our community. The Vashon community, like many other distinct communities that are in and near urban areas, deserves a fair chance at obtaining community radio through an LPFM license, and we urge the FCC to make the real the possibility of LPFM for us.

Thank you for your attention to our views.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dan Schueler, Vice President, for the
Voice of Vashon Board of Directors